

Los Alamos County is among 100 Best Communities for Young People

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This year's LANL food drive collected enough donations to provide 11,600 meals for those in need. [Read more](#)

Awards in Action Community Award Nominations Open Until December 17
If you know people who support the community, please nominate them for the award. Nominations are due until December 17 to coincide with the award ceremony. [Read more](#)

Big Brothers Needed in Northern New Mexico
If you can spare one lunch hour per week for a year, you can help support the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. [Read more](#)

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We value a culture of giving and appreciate our employees' on-going volunteerism throughout Northern New Mexico and even nationwide. [Read more](#)

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Los Alamos was recently recognized by the America's Promise Alliance as among the 100 Best Communities for Young People. The recognition is given to locations that make youth a priority through caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, effective education, and opportunities to help others. A community celebration is in the planning stages.

America's Promise Alliance grew out of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997. At that gathering, Presidents Clinton, Bush, Carter, and Ford (with Nancy Reagan representing President Reagan) challenged America to make children and youth a national priority. General Colin Powell is the organization's founding chair, and Alma Powell (Colin Powell's wife) is the current board chair. The organization has a number of thrust areas, including high school dropout prevention and an initiative for military families. The awards began in 2005.

Each winning location receives a \$2,500 grant, signs to help publicize the community's achievement, and access to the organization's community-development resources.

Los Alamos County received the recognition previously in 2007.

To view information on the 100 Best Communities for Young People, go to <http://www.americaspromise.org/100best/>.

ING and the ING Foundation are supporters of the 100 Best Communities program.

Personnel from the Lab's Community Programs Office helped with the application.

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